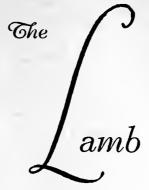


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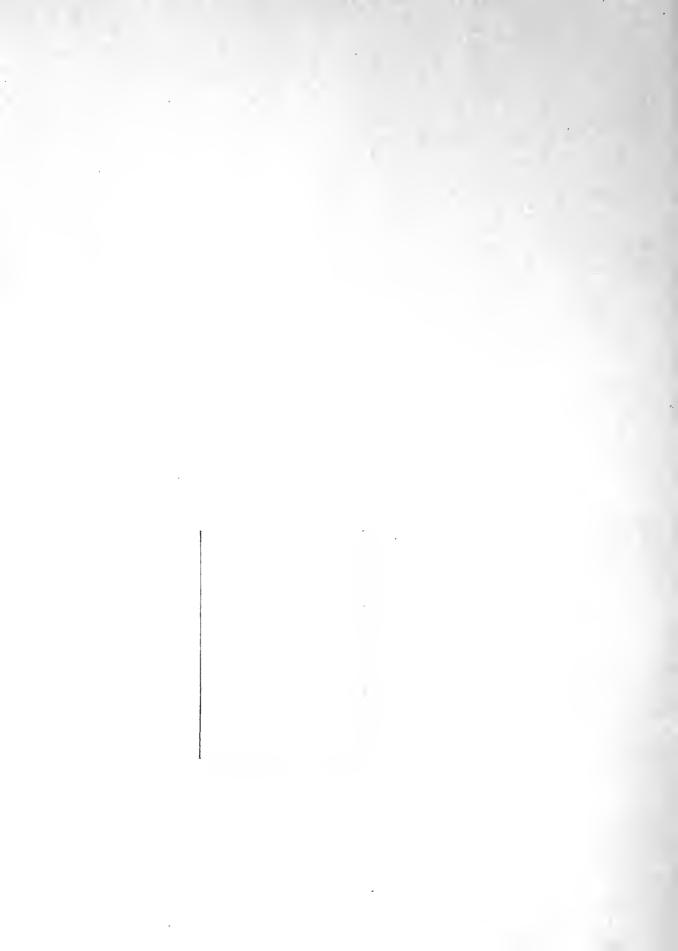


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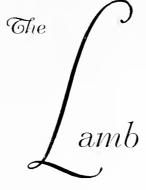


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## Foreword

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ITS PAGES AFFORD MANY MOMENTS
OF PLEASURE IN THE REMINISCENT
MOODS OF ITS PERUSERS.







### Dedication

TO ONE WE KNOW
AS FRIEND AND BENEFACTOR, INSTRUCTOR AND GUIDE . . . WHO HAS
LABORED UNTIRINGLY TO MAKE OUR
SCHOOL DAYS HAPPY YET PROFITABLE . . . TO YOU, FATHER HALLY, WE,
YOUR FIRST GRADUATES, GRATEFULLY
DEDICATE THIS WORK CF LOVE IN
APPRECIATION OF YOUR SELF-SACRIFICING EFFORTS IN OUR BEHALF.





 $\begin{array}{c} \text{MOST REVEREND THOMAS FRANCIS LILLIS, D. D.} \\ \text{Bishop of Kansas City} \end{array}$ 



FATHER JAMES J. HALLY,
INSTRUCTOR of RELIGION,
LATIN, AND FRENCH
"He was benign, and wondrous diligent
And in adversity full patient."

FATHER Wm. McNAMARA
INSTRUCTOR OF LATIN
AND SPANISH
"Whose armour is his honest thought
And simple truth his
utmost skill."





#### ALMA MATER

Alma Mater! Alma Mater!
Fount of youth, of truth,
Of worth divine!
Where every word doth silent preach
The noblest lessons earth can teach.
Saint Agnes, Saint Agnes High!

Smile, O gracious skies above us;
Sainted hands their blessings fold us.
Agnes' daughters triumphant make us.
Ne'er let grief or gloom o'ertake us.
Our voices raised in paens of praises
To write our names on history's pages,
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!
Our faith, our life, our love!



# Dedication to the Faculty

THE SISTERS OF LORETTO, PAST AND PRESENT, WHO HAVE GIVEN WITH SELFLESS GLADNESS THE TREASURES OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE . . . AND HAVE POINTED OUT THE ROADS THAT LEAD TO PEACE AND CONTENTMENT . . . WE LCVINGLY INSCRIBE THIS PAGE OF OUR FIRST ANNUAL.





MR. RALPH J. CARTER
Basketball Coach



MISS MARTHA JANE FERGUSON

Instructor of Physical Education for Girls

MR. E. HOWARD BADER Football Coach



### GRADUATES



Editor-in-Chief of The Lamb

"Spirited, gay, naively bold, Her hair a tousled crest of gold."



HARRY V. GABRIEL, JR. . . . "Bud"

Secretary-Treasurer of Senior Class

"Whose heart was made Of manly simple stuff."



MARY FRANCES POLLAK . . . "Polly"

"Small in stature but in spirits gay Spreading sunshine along life's way."



JOSEPH N. NEWTON, JR. . . . "Newt"

Prefect of Boys' Sodality

"Not that he loves studies less But that he loves fun more."



ROSEMARY ANN HRUSKA. . . "Riska"

"Filling in each pause of chat With singing, laughing, and all that."

### GRADUATES

#### EDWARD M. DUGGAN . . . . . "Ed"

President of Senior Class

"Blessed with each talent and each art to please,

And born to write, converse, and live with ease."

### MARIAN LOIS PARKER . . . . "Lois"

"Her life was all a laughter, Her days were all a smile."

### LOUIS W. LINDBERG . . . . "Lindy"

"A friend to everyone, who knows how to be a friend."

### ELIZABETH MAXINE VIENHAGE . "Mac"

Prefect of Girls' Sodality

"Her care was never to offend And every creature was her friend."

### J. WARREN BEL . . . . . . . . "Joe"

Captain of Basketball Team

"No need to question long; close-lipped and tall,

Firmly erect, he towered above them all."



### Class Poem

Winged out with tireless worry and toil With dawn through the clouds, we see From a tiny seed pressed to the soil, A school—that grew as does a tree.

Did that frail sprout seem lifeless, Drooping its leafy head, Its infant arms hanging helpless As a hush on a requiem bed?

Ah, no! Time tells the story. It was not destined to die, For this sturdy, cradled sapling Raised its noble head on high.

May each fertile springtime clothe it With souls of virtue bold; May its "grads" go forth like monarchs To fell life's trials e'er old.

Its sapling arms are now waving On its motherly loving breast, Sighing a sigh of sad farewell And a prayer for our lasting success.

# Class History

THE Year of 1933 was a very important one to the fourteen girls and boys who were about to begin their high school careers. At last they were freshmen. The majority of the class had been graduated from the eighth grade at Saint Agnes the preceding June; Virginia Baum, Lois Parker, John Bauer, and George Reed were from other schools. It was a bit difficult at first to adapt themselves to the ways of high school and to become familiar with algebra and foreign languages, but under the patient instruction of the Sisters they were able to maintain a high standard.

The following September saw some of the same people in their places—a little older and perhaps a little wiser. That year Louis Lindberg, Harry Gabriel, John Bauer, George Reed, and Martin Schibler transferred to Senior High School, but the class was joined by Eleanor Schneider, Juanita Cochrun, and Claude Batey.

Still another year and all had been promoted to the junior class, which had now diminished to six. Saint Agnes at this time only offered a three-year course, and many had gone elsewhere to complete their last two years. Maxine Veinhage went to Greenwood, and Ed Duggan enrolled with the Christian Brothers in St. Louis. Harry Gabriel returned and Joe Bel was a newcomer. These few tried to make up for their lack of numbers by applying themselves diligently so as to be pre-

pared for the final and most important year.

September 1936 we felt important as the future first graduates of the new Saint Agnes High School, which had at last been realized through the efforts of Father Hally, our beloved pastor. Under the capable supervision of Father Hally, Father McNamara, and the Sisters, we delved deeper into our books to attain higher honors in this our last year. Maxine Vienhage, Ed Duggan, and Louis Lindberg came back; Rosemary Hruska and Joe Newton also joined us.

We thoroughly enjoyed our "Get Acquainted Party" and the social sponsored by the Blessed Virgin Sodality. After slaving for months on candy sales, the girls finally succeeded in obtaining enough money to buy sweat suits for the boys' basketball team. Their greatest triumph, however, was the card party, the proceeds of which were sufficient to convert the attic into a sorority room for the girls.

All talk now is of the Year Book, which is to be Saint Agnes' first. We have been unusually busy the last few months having pictures made, securing patrons, and gathering data for the Annual.

The two outstanding social activities of the year are yet to come—the Senior-Junior Prom which is to be held on May 18 at the Colonial Hotel, and the school picnic.

Then last, but by no means least, comes the day toward which we have been striving for four years. On Sunday, May 30, when we receive our diplomas, the last chapter in our high school history will be completed.

-LOIS PARKER.

### Class Will

W E, the ambitious Class of 1937 of St. Agnes High School, situated in Springfield in the State of Missouri, being of sound body and or as sane mind as possible after much laboring for four years, do this fifteenth day of May make this last Testament willing to those students who are to come after us the following scholastic possessions.

FIRST ITEM: To the Faculty we bequeath our appreciation of their time spent to equip us with sufficient knowledge to help us to meet and to overcome the difficulties of our future life.

SECOND ITEM: To the school we leave ourselves, the Alumni, the first of St. Agnes.

THIRD ITEM: To the Class of '38 we bequeath the memories of our days as seniors with the hope that they will enjoy them as much as we have.

Maxine Vienhage leaves her gay dancing spirit to Harriet Rettig.

Joe Bel bequeaths his height to Joe Smith.

Rosemary Hruska imparts her wide use of speech to Mary Imelda Brown.

Joe Newton shares his knack for teasing with Bill Gimson.

Lois Parker bequeaths her hair and blonde fairness to Dorothy Chambers.

Louis Lindberg wills his good nature and

pleasant disposition to Bud Dobyns.

Mary Frances Pollak transfers her terrifying driving speed to Clara O'Rielly.

Edward Duggan leaves his ability as an artist and his witty nonsense to Joe Murney.

Harry Gabriel bestows his convincing voice as salesman to Ben Hennessy.

With my Alma Mater I share the memories of my many happy days spent here.

The Faculty we appoint as our executors. In accordance with the ancient custom, and in testimony whereof, we do affix our seal.

Signed this fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven.

THE SENIOR CLASS

By: Marie Wissbaum, '37.

# Class Prophecy

"New York, New York May 14, 1947

Dear Monsignor Hally:

How very proud I am today that I was one of the ten seniors who composed the first graduating class of Saint Agnes High School a decade ago. Who would have visioned on the street where the white frame building stood, the largest Catholic educational institution in Springfield?

I am now a traveling reporter for the women's section of the "Times" magazine here in New York. While on a survey, from which I just returned, I met the other nine 1937 graduates. I am sure you will be interested to know what lines of work each took up; therefore, I shall hurriedly give you a short account of my knowledge of them.

Harry Gabriel and Louis Lindberg successfully completed their trans-continental flight in an incredible record-breaking time. These two always appeared to have high ambitions, and no doubt they thought the sky was the place to put their desires to work.

In a recent letter from Marie Wissbaum she mentions that she has accepted the position to head the English department in the Hardin College in Texas. With Marie at the helm, the students of Hardin College should capture many first prizes in the writing contests throughout the country.

Monsignor, imagine my surprise when I saw Lois Parker graduated with high honors last week from the Missouri Law School! I remember how Lois wanted to talk and argue everything out to the point where all concerned were satisfied. She has been offered a splendid position in a large law firm in Chicago where I am sure she will succeed. Lois wanted me to stay a few days with

her so that we might see Joe Bel play basket-ball in the National tournament of amateur teams. No doubt you know that he is captain of the Kansas City Trailers.

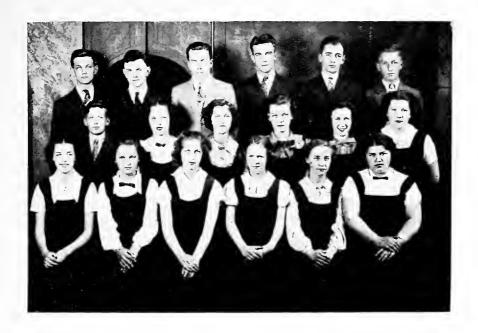
It seems strange that two of the '37 graduates have found their life work together. Joe Newton heads the staff at the Washington Hospital in Washington, D. C., where Maxine Vienhage is supervisor of nurses. Neither Maxine nor Joe let the rest of us know that they had enough sympathy for the sick to be in charge of those helping the unfortunate.

Mary Frances Pollak is teaching dancing in a very popular school in Hollywood. She accompanied me as far as Denver while she was on a tour for talent last month. She informed me that Ed Duggan has been coaching a football team in Chicago for several years, but in the near future he expects to be identified with Notre Dame.

I think that about finishes my gossip about the "grads" of '37. Do you think it could possibly be arranged for us all to meet again? What fun we should have discussing those good old days at St. Agnes!

Please write soon and tell me more about your beautiful new school.

Sincerely yours,
ROSEMARY HRUSKA."



Juniors

SEATED: Martha Watson, Agnes Hilmes, Hortense Nation, Mary Imelda Brown, Nellruth Miles, Mildred Sparks.

SECOND ROW: Joe Smith, Dorothy Jean Stark, Dorothy Chambers, Clara O'Reilly, Harriet Rettig, Margaret Zellweger.

TOP ROW: Bud Dobyns, Ben Hennessy, Joe Murney, Jack Fischer, Bill Gimson, Gene Ricketts.



Sophomores

SEATED: Mary Leo Coring, Mary Margaret O'Bryne, Margaret Hennessy, Genevieve Nation, Anna Marie Schibler.

STANDING: William Maher, William Siebs, Hugh McClernon, Ralph Rebori,



Freshmen

SEATED: Angeline Jacobs, Betty Weaver, Betty Smith, Mary Rebori, Mary Jane Sadler, Jean Marie Fahy, Betty Stark.

SECOND ROW: Terrence O'Connor, Leo Coyle, Mary Margaret Banks, Mary Elizabeth Hogan, Donald Holmes, Harry Dark, Louis Gabriel, Jack Bel.

TOP ROW: Bob Siebs, Eugene Lohmeyer, Sam Vienhage, Dick Murney, Leo Lindberg, Louis Lohmeyer.

# Sodality

A HE Sodality of Our Lady, an organization designed to promote spiritual and social activities among the students, held its first meeting of the year in October at which the following officers were elected:

#### Boys' Division

#### Prefect—Joseph Newton Vice-Prefect—William Gimson Secretary—Edward Duggan Treasurer—Ben Hennessy

#### Girls Division

Maxine Vienhage Derothy Stark Mary F. Pollak Hortense Nation

The sodalists enthusiastically responded to the request that they make the triduum in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception as a Christmas offering for the Holy Father. On December 8th the new members were formally received into the sodality by Father Hally, who first delivered an inspiring sermon on "The Child of Mary."

The two outstanding temporal activities sponsored by the sodality were the drive for subscriptions to "The Queen's Work" during Catholic Press Month and the observance of Vocation Week, March 6-13. Father Hally succeeded in obtaining several of Springfield's prominent citizens to address the student body on various vocations.

Doctor James E. Dewey, physician, spoke on the practice of medicine. Mr. Eugene Johnson explained the advantages and disadvantages of engineering and architecture. The profession of law was made enticing by the talk of Mr. John Miller. Miss Margaret Crighton discussed library science as an interesting life work. The week was closed by Reverend Michael Ahern who revealed the many beauties of the religious life.

The members of the sodality are looking forward to the event that will spell finis to the activities for this year. On Mother's Day, the entire sodality, numbering more than one hundred, will take part in the annual May Crowning. Marie Wissbaum has been given the honor of crowning the Queen of May in recognition of her twelve years' attendance at St. Agnes School.

# The Catholic University of America Washington, B. C.

Committee on Affiliation

April 22, 1937

Rev. James J. Hally, St. Agnes Rectory, 533 South Jefferson Ave. Springfield, Missouri

Dear Father:

The application of Saint Agnes High School, Springfield, Missouri, for affiliation to the Catholic University of America, was considered by the Committee on Affiliation at a meeting held April 16, 1937. The Committee approved the application and directed me to inform you that your Institution will now be placed on the list of affiliated High Schools.

Hoping that the affiliation will work to the mutual advantage of our Institutions, I am.

Sincerely yours,

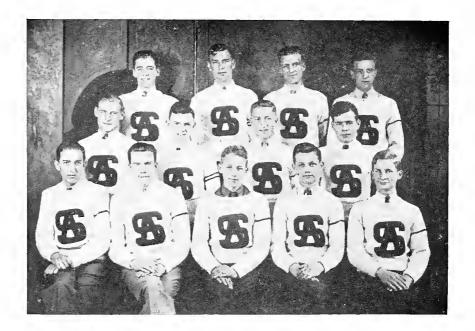
Leo L. McVay (Signed)

Sec'y, Committee on Affiliations

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### LETTERMEN

'36 — '37



FIRST ROW: Harry Gabriel, Joe Murney, Joe Newton, Bud Dobyns, Sam Vienhage.

MIDDLE ROW: Louis Lindberg, Ben Hennessy, Gene Ricketts, Ed Duggan.

TOP ROW: Bill Gimson, Joe Bel, Jack Bel, Jack Fischer.

### FOOTBALL

HE first football team of Saint Agnes played a schedule which was arranged by Father Hally, the Director of Athletics, with the pick of the teams in the Little Eight Conference. The football coach, Howard E. Bader, was a well-known athlete in Springfield. A football and track star at Springfield High and captain of the Greenwood football team in his senior year, Coach Bader attended Missouri University and played football there. He returned to Springfield as a member of the faculty and the football coach at Saint Agnes High School. Any success enjoyed by the team is due largely to Mr. Bader's untiring efforts, his patience, and his good judgment in the building of his team from limited material and inexperienced men.

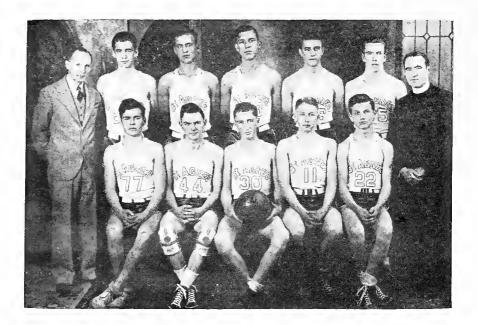
The boys who answered the first call for football players when Saint Agnes opened last fall were of all sizes and weights, and few of them had ever played the game before. Preparing this group of players for a football season in only a few weeks proved the ability of the coach and the spirit of the boys. The team won the first game against the Bullpups of Springfield High in a close contest. The following week the team traveled to Miller. In that game the Saint Agnes Irish earned the name of "fighters". After this upset, at a special meeting, Bill Gimson was elected captain for 1936.

On a muddy, slippery field the Irish next played Lockwood and were defeated. In the fourth game which was with Golden City, Saint Agnes dropped another decision. The Fighting Irish finished the season with a tie game against Walnut Grove.

#### LINE-UP RECORD

Frey RE Vienhage Lindberg RT H. Gabriel J. Murney RG McClernon Jack Bel C Holmes Newton LG H. Ricketts G Ricketts LT J. Bel J. Fischer LE L. Gabriel Dobyns QB Page Gimson LH D. Murney Duggan RH Lohmeyer Hennessy FB Siebs	St. Agnes 7 Springfield 6 St. Agnes 0 Miller 7 St. Agnes 0 Lockwood 20 St. Agnes 0 Golden City 25 St. Agnes 7 Walnut Grove 7

## BASKETBALL



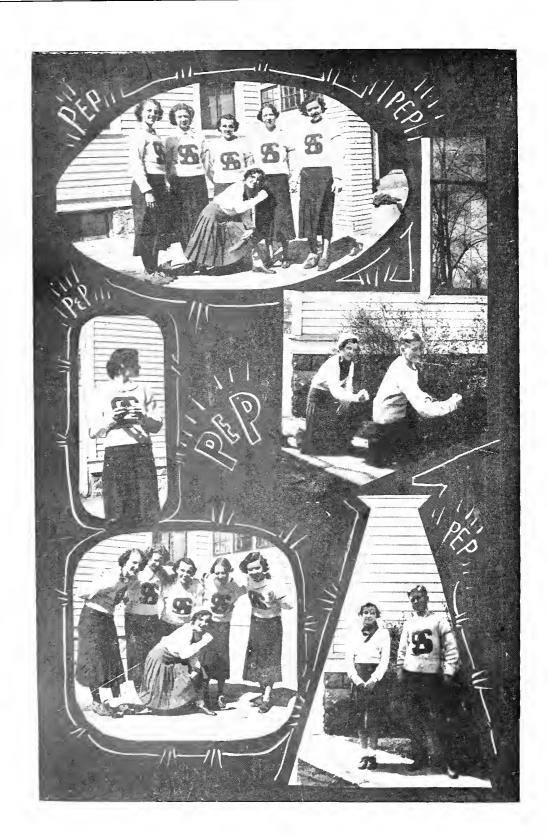
SEATED: Ed Duggan, Ben Hennessy, Gene Ricketts, Joe Newton, Bud Dobyns.

STANDING: Coach Ralph Carter, Bill Gimson, Jack Bel, Captain Joe Bel, Jack Fischer, Jce Murney, Father Hally, Athletic Director.

### BASKETBALL

ST. AGNES, the only four-year parochial high school in Springfield, organized its first basketball team this year. This squad was made possible by the Reverend James J. Hally, sponsor and creator of the team, and Coach Ralph J. Carter, physical director at the Y. M. C. A. Through the interest and efforts of these two and the splendid cooperation of the team, St. Agnes Cagers, a member of the Missouri State High School Athletic Association, made a wonderful showing. Besides playing a schedule of eleven games, the basketeers took part in four tournaments. In the tournament at Miller, the team won a beautiful trophy for placing fourth. At this meet Ben Hennessy was awarded a silver flashlight in recognition of his sportsmanship. Gene Ricketts, captain-elect, received hencrable mention at the Rogersville tournament.

SCHEDULE	LINE-UP
Irish 13       Miller 18         Irish 15       Willard 25         Irish 17       De LaSalle 26         Irish 16       Nixa 32         Irish 14       Greenwood 16         Irish 9       Bull Dogs 15         Irish 15       Willard 14         Irish 13       Miller 11         Irish 30       De LaSalle 28         Irish 19       Greenwood 17	Ben Hennessy F Bud Dobyns Gene Ricketts F Joe Newton Joe Bel C Jack Fischer Jack Bel G Jce Murney Bill Gimson G Ed Duggan
Irish 20 Nixa 15	



### **HERE**



### THERE

OUR distinguished representatives from the University of Missouri paid an official visit to St. Agnes High School on April 22nd. Doctor C. A. Phillips, head of the Training Schools, Doctor G. M. Fess, professor of French, Doctor D. M. Royal, professor of Accounting, and Doctor F. A. Tisdell, Dean of the College of Arts and Science, inspected the building and its equipment and were favorably impressed by these as well as by the remarkable progress that St. Agnes has made in one year.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Dr. J. D. Elliff, former High School Visitor for the University of Missouri, for his many kindnesses and helpful suggestions. Dr. Elliff has never hesitated to perform any service he could do for us.

#### BASKETBALL TEAM ENTERTAINED

On March 16th a dinner was given at his home by Coach Ralph J. Carter for the basketball team. The purpose of the gathering was to talk over prospects for the '37-'38 season and to elect the basketball captain for '38. Gene Ricketts, forward, was unanimously chosen to lead St. Agnes Cagers next year. Talks were given by Coach Carter, Father Hally, and the '37 captain and center, Joe Bel.

#### SOPHOMORE SOCIAL

The sophomore class entertained the seniors with a lovely social on Sunday evening, April 18th. The class colors of blue and gold were carried out in the decorations and in the refreshments.

The placecards, candy suckers dressed as graduates in caps and gowns, added to the attractiveness of the table. Various games and dancing were the entertainment for the evening.

#### FRESHMAN SKATING PARTY

The senior class were the guests of the freshmen at a skating party held at Doling Park, the evening of May 3rd. The little "frosh" exhibited the same cooperative spirit in this affair that they have shown in all the school activities of the year. From the time the cars drove off at seven o'clock filled with fun-seeking girls and boys, until they returned at midnight, not a dull moment was known by any one.



Library

Girls and beys find beoks for all purposes on the shelves of the book stacks that line the walls of the new Saint Agnes library. One sees not only the finest editions of the Masters but modern school books, up-to-date fiction and the late magazines. The collection, which when complete will meet the requirements of a first class high school library, is classified and catalogued according to the Dewey Decimal System. A debt of gratitude is due Miss Harriet Horine, Superintendent of Springfield Public Library, and to Mrs. Ivan R. Branson, who graciously gave hours of their time to this seemingly endless task.



"In an old, high-ceilinged room, where light streams through modern Venetian blinds and reflects back again to a carved cherry fireplace, Saint Agnes pupils assemble for study. Carved gold doorknobs, two fireplaces, one of cherry and one of oak, and wainscoating of Japanese rock tile seem pleasantly incongruous alongside school desks, pencil sharpeners, and ink wells."

Study Hall



Girls in First Uniforms FIRST ROW: Mary Leo Coring, Mary Margaret O'Bryne, Mary Rebori, Angeline Jacobs, Dorothy Stark, Betty Weaver, Hortense Nation, Betty Stark, Martha Watson, Mary Elizabeth Hogan, Margaret Hennessy, Genevieve Nation, Mildred Sparks.

SECOND ROW: Harriet Rettig, Clara O'Reilly, Dorothy Chambers, Lois Parker, Marie Wissbaum, Mary Frances Pollak, Rosemary Hruska, Mary Imelda Brown, Betty Smith, Nellruth Miles, Agnes Hilmes.



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